

Please insert new claims 19 and 20 as follow:

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--19. Process according to claim 13, wherein the first monomer is N-isopropylacrylamide (NIPAM).--

--20. Process according to claim 16, wherein the polymerization initiator is 2,2'-azobisamidinopropane chloride (V50).--

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-18 are amended and claims 19 and 20 are added herein. This Preliminary Amendment conforms the claims to U.S. patent practice.

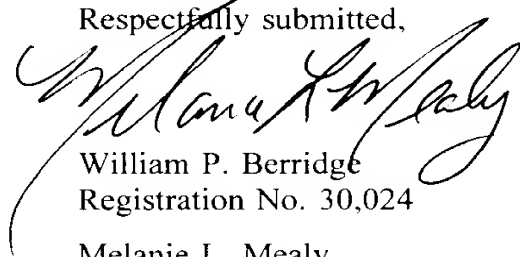
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further is necessary in order to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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